



## Welcome Time

Welcome to the at Home Messy Church session for January! I hope you had a great Christmas and managed to catch up with family and friends in different ways this year. Our first Messy Church for 2021 continues to be an at home session which is all about New Beginnings!

### ***NEW BEGINNINGS!***

During this session we will look at 2 Corinthians 5:17 -

***'If anyone belongs to Christ, then he is made new. The old things have gone; everything is made new!'***

How often do we feel like we need to press the reset button on our lives or in tricky situations? Things have not worked out the way we hoped, everything is a mess and if only I could go back and start again! In this session, we will be discovering for ourselves that each one of us has an opportunity to start again when it comes to God through his grace, his forgiveness and his love.

Why not start the messy church session with one of the worksheets that are all about a new start.

**Sheet 1** - 2 Corinthians colouring sheet downloadable from -

[New-Creation-1-Cor-5-17-Printable.pdf \(ministryark.com\)](#)

**Sheet 2** - 2 Corinthians wordsearch.

# 2 Corinthians 5:17

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Vision



## Celebration Time

New Year is interesting! It is a great time to think about a new start and new beginnings but is there anything different between about how you felt on December the 31st and January the 1st? However, taking time to reflect on all the things that have happened and think about how we might change things can be positive and the New Year is a good opportunity to do this and to think of a fresh start. Some people call these 'New Year resolutions' and use them to make changes and try new things. Maybe you are one of the people who are relieved that last year has ended? Perhaps you have something new you want to do? Whatever it is, it is never too late to make changes and a fresh start!

Read 2 Corinthians 5:17

***'If anyone belongs to Christ, then he is made new. The old things have gone; everything is made new!'***

There are other places in the Bible that speak of new beginnings which you may like to look up in your Bible together and which we will look at during the craft time.

1 Thessalonians 5:23, John 10:10, Matthew 4:4 and 1 Corinthians 9:25.

God loves it when we talk to him and he also wants to talk to us too. Think about a time something started badly but ended well or something you did that you didn't think you'd be able to do. Ask God if there is anything he would like you to do next year. Ask for God to forgive what has happened in the past and for a new start.

Dear Lord,

I am excited for this new year, for a fresh start and new beginnings. I have put the past behind me but will cherish the memories I have. I look forward to a future with you, whatever this may bring. No matter what happens, I will be ok because you are with me and love me! Amen.

Watch Steve, our minister, on our Facebook page as he talks about new beginnings.

Here are a few songs to join in with -

All things new - [All Things New - Hillsong Worship - YouTube](#)

I am a New Creation - [I Am A New Creation - YouTube](#)



## Craft Time

### 1. Junk Modelling.

**You will need:** recycled items from around your house; glue; scissors; sticky tape.

Instead of throwing things away when they have finished, why not give them another chance by giving them a new purpose? This is your opportunity to be as creative as possible by making whatever you like. Talk about how important recycling is. Instead of throwing away plastic and cardboard, we can recycle them so they can be turned into something new. This will help to save our planet as recycling reduces greenhouse gas emissions, which helps to tackle climate change. Read 1 Thessalonians 5:23 which talks about making us new.



### 2. Thumb print tree.

**You will need:** brown/green/yellow/orange paint.

Paint a tree trunk. Press your thumb into the different colour paints and press your thumb on to the end of the branches. Watch your bare branches blossom and bloom into new life. Talk about the autumn season, the green trees lose all their leaves as they fall off on to the ground. Although the trees look bare during the autumn and winter months, by the spring they have a new lease of life when new leaves and flowers bloom. Sometimes it might feel like we are tired and have lost all our life, energy and beauty. God 'came to give life – life in all its fullness' (John 10:10). Why not use today as an opportunity to start living life to the full again?



### 3. Handy Butterflies

**You will need:** coloured paper or card; felt-tip pens; scissors; glue; coloured tissue paper; pipe cleaners; googly eyes; sequins or stickers to decorate.

- Draw and cut out your hands using coloured paper.
- Stick them together into the shape of a butterfly.
- Decorate your butterfly with stickers or sequins.
- Add googly eyes and two pipe cleaners for antennae.



At the start of each new year, we make promises to ourselves that we will change; we call these resolutions. It could be that we change what we eat for more healthier food or decide to reduce how much we eat. We might decide to do more exercise or spend less time looking at screens and get out in the fresh air. Whatever it is, it can be hard to keep these changes up. God loves us just the way we are, but he does not want to leave us that way. He wants us to be just like him, and one way we can grow in our lives is to read his word in the Bible. Matthew 4:4 says, 'A person does not live only by eating bread. But a person lives by everything the Lord says'.



## Craft Time

### 4 - Fruit Kebab Fireworks!

Because most of us couldn't celebrate New Year's Eve like normal, we thought we could make some Fruit Kebab fireworks as our own little celebration.

You will need: Fruit , Kebab sticks .

- Find some of your favourite fruits.
- Thread them onto your kebab stick.
- Use strawberries at the top for make a rocket shape.

We've used fruit but you could use vegetables or even sweets and marshmallows!



### 5. My Achievements!

We have been looking at a new start so far during the messy church session but the New Year can allow us time to think back to things that have already happened. What happened to you last year? What did you achieve? Let us celebrate you achievements!

You will need; Pens, paper, stickers.

- Make a list of achievements from 2020
- Stick your list onto coloured paper.
- Decorate around your list with stickers.
- Write 'Achievements' and cut out.
- Cut out '2020'.
- Stick both of these to your paper.

You could punch a hole and add a ribbon to the sheet and hang your achievements in your house. Alternatively, display the list on your fridge.





## **Meal Time**

Why not try some new foods at the start of the new year! Decide as a family what you would like to try and cook a new meal together!

Let us pray before eating together;

**We thank you Lord for the food before us**

**The shelter around us**

**The family beside us**

**And the love between us.**

**Amen.**

If you would like to share your Messy Church activities please send any photos to #tmcfamily.

**God bless you all and we pray that you keep safe and well over the coming weeks -**

**Have a very Happy New Year to you!**

**From the TMC Messy Church Team.**